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WITH
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FOR EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR.

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P R A Y E R.



Go, when the morning shineth;

Go, when the noon is bright;

Go, when the eve declineth;

Go, in the hush of night.

Go, with pure mind and feeling,

Fling earthly thoughts away;

And in thy chamber kneeling,

Do thou in secret pray.

Remember all who love thee,

All who are loved by thee;

Pray, too, for those who hate thee,

If any such there be.

Then, for thyself in meekness

A blessing humbly claim;

And link with each petition

The great Redeemer's name.

When friends are round
Even then the silent breath
Of thy spirit raised aloft
Will reach His throne on high
Who is Mercy, Truth,

It is a joy of blessing
With this earth and
The power that God
To pour our souls
Where'er thou piercest
Before his footstool
Remember in this

SUNDAY MORNING.

This is the day which the Lord hath made ; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

PSALM CXVIII. 24.

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.---ISA. LVIII. 13.

HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank thee that thou hast brought me in safety to the beginning of this holy day. May I serve my blessed Saviour on this his own day,

and gain more knowledge of him continually. Let me love to hear and to read of him, and help me to feel that he is indeed my Saviour and my God. Make me to delight in thy worship, and learn what I must do to please thee. Lord, be thou with me when I am in thy house of prayer. Help me to watch over my thoughts ; and grant that while my lips utter thy praises, my heart may also rise to thee in adoration of thy power and in gratitude for thy mercies. Oh God, pardon all my sins, for the sake of him whom thou hast exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto his people and forgiveness of sins ; and mercifully grant unto me such a measure of thy grace, that I, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made a partaker of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ

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our Lord. Dispose and enable me on this sacred day to abstain from every employment which is unsuited to holy time, and give me grace to prepare for that day when I shall be summoned into the presence of thee, my Maker and my God. Oh Jesus, look down upon me in love, and help me to learn of thee. Do thou reign in my heart, and guide me in the path which leads to heaven. Enable me to understand thy word, that I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of thyself, by whom alone I can be saved. And when thou shalt come at the last day to gather thy children together, may I be of the number of those whose sins are blotted out and who shall appear at thy right hand with joy. The mercies and blessings which I ask for myself, I heartily desire for all who are dear to me, and I humbly beseech thee for all sorts and

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Oh heavenly Father, . . .
us all in this present life, . . .
at last into those happy . . .
thou hast prepared for the
thee, for the sake of thy Son
Jesus Christ, who has taught
manded us when we pray, to

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lowed be thy name ; thy king
thy will be done in earth as i
ven : give us this day our d
and forgive us our trespasses
give them . . .

SUNDAY EVENING.

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the Lord.

LEV. XXVI. 2.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast been graciously pleased to preserve me through this day, accept my evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all thy goodness and loving kindness unto me. Give me grace, oh holy Father, to remember all the good instructions with which I have this day been blessed, and a willing mind, that I may observe and practise them. Merciful God, pardon my offences, for iniquity cleaves even to my holy things. Forgive the wanderings of my thoughts, and all that I have said or done amiss. Lord, I feel my own insufficiency; assist me by thy Holy Spirit to do the thing that pleaseth thee, that I

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· MONDAY MORNIN

Draw nigh to God and he
nigh to you. JAM

ALMIGHTY GOD, preserved by th
I see the beginning of this day
that I may not be unmindful of
cies, or unthankful for thy goodn
heavenly Father, be my Guide a
server, for without thee I am ins
of myself to please thee. ARRI

it is indeed good for me to draw nigh to thee, and do thou draw nigh to me and bless me. Direct me, O God, in all my affairs. Bless my employments and studies; and preserve me from any pleasure or pursuit in which I could not look up to thee, and say, bless me in this also, oh my Father. Neither pray I for myself alone; look with thy heavenly favor on these who are assistant in the work of my instruction, and while they teach me that knowledge which befits my station, give them grace to watch with care over my religious education. Direct and prosper all their endeavours to train me up in thy fear and love, and so incline me to submit cheerfully and willingly to their instructions, that I may daily increase in some profitable knowledge of the things of God, and mercifully grant that none us may be lost in the day of the Lord Jesus. Oh

God, bless my friends and companions. Bless also my enemies; enable me heartily and sincerely to forgive them, and pardon me in whatever I have done amiss to them. Oh Lord, I humbly beseech thee to wash away all my sins in the precious blood of Jesus, and to give me a sufficient measure of thy grace and Holy Spirit to enable me to overcome them. Pour down the abundance of thy blessing upon my dear Bless both them and me with thy favor and protection, and graciously lead us by thy counsel until thou hast brought us to thine everlasting kingdom, for the sake of the abundant merits of Christ Jesus our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him ; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps. CXLV. 18, 19.

OH GOD, my Creator and Preserver, I draw near to thee in prayer and supplication, in the name of Jesus Christ. I bless thee for the mercies of this day. Lord, it is not owing to my own wisdom, prudence, or watchfulness, but to thy care, protection, and gracious providence, that I still enjoy the blessings which continue to accompany me. Oh, let me not be ungrateful ; let me not forget the hand that guides me and crowns me with mercy and loving kindness. Forgive me all the sins which I have this day committed. Thou, oh God, knowest them all ; teach

me to know them also. I implore the grace of thy Holy Spirit to enable me to become better, and to amend all that is wrong in my thoughts, words, or actions. Oh, give me understanding to know my duty, and the heart and will to perform it. Lord, reign in my heart by thy love, and subdue every evil temper and unruly passion. Deliver me from pride and vanity. Preserve me from all false and deceitful ways. Enable me always to do unto others as I would wish they should do unto me. Make me kind, charitable, and obliging; ready not only to forgive, but to return good for evil. Oh heavenly Father, who hast promised to give good things to those who ask thee, pour upon me the spirit of fervent humble prayer. Teach me thyself to pray. May I so ask, that it may be given unto me; so seek, that I may find; so knock, that

it may be opened unto me. Perfect, oh Lord, that which concerneth me, and make me such, both in heart and life, that I may enjoy thy peace below, and be meet for the inheritance of thy heavenly glory above. Suffer me not to retain any thing in my heart which is offensive to thee; but should it be dear to me as a right eye, let me pluck it out and cast it from me. Comfort all who are in any way afflicted, and send them relief, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. Extend thy protection to my dear defend them from all dangers, and help me to grow up a comfort and a blessing to them. These and all other favors I ask in my Redeemer's name, and for his sake I beseech thee to hear me. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

He will be very gracious unto
the voice of thy cry ; when he sha
it, he will answer thee. ISAI. xxx.

ALMIGHTY GOD, I thank thee
thou hast watched over me throug
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up in health and safety. Co
to me thy gracious care throug
day on which I am now e
Give me repentance for all my pa
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viour from sin, and deep humility
thee. Make me feel sensible of th
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me from the sins which most easily betray me. Help me to search out, and cast far from me every wrong disposition, every proud and unholy temper. May I be meek and lowly of heart, ready to forgive if any do me wrong, remembering how often I myself stand in need of pardon and forbearance at the hands of others, and especially at thy hand, oh great and holy God. Make me in all things pure, honest, just, and true. Oh, circumcise my heart to love the Lord my God; and may thy almighty Spirit so write the law of holiness upon my mind, that it may be my meat and drink to do thy will, that I may hate all iniquity and every false way, and resemble the blessed Jesus as my pattern, while I trust in his merits as my propitiation. Oh God, bless my employments and studies. In all I undertake may I remember my own weakness, and

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ask of thee that strength which alone can help me. Lord, guide and keep me, making me wise and faithful in all my duties, and blessed and prosperous in the event. Continue to me thy loving kindness and tender mercies, passing by my many sins and supplying all my wants. Send down, oh God, thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon my dear

Give us all whatever thou seest necessary for us. Reward all who have done me good, pardon all who have done or wished me evil, and work in them and me those things which will render us acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Every one that asketh, receiveth ; and he that seeketh, findeth ; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

MATT. VII. 8.

MOST GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD, by whose protecting care and kind providence I have been preserved and kept through the day past, I desire to kneel before thee, and thank thee for all thy loving kindness unto me. I confess, oh Lord, that I am weak and sinful, that I have in many things acted contrary to thy will, that I have neither loved thee, served thee, nor obeyed thee, as I ought to have done. Pardon, I beseech thee, oh God, for thy dear Son's sake, every wrong thought, every selfish feeling, all that I have said or done amiss. Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Endue me with kindness and

humbleness of mind, that I may love my fellow-creatures with sincere affection, being always ready to do what good I can, promoting, as far as in me lies, the comfort and happiness of all with whom I am in any way connected. Lord, give me grace to love even my enemies, to pray for them and bless them, that I may be indeed thy child—a true disciple of the blessed Jesus. Strengthen in me, I beseech thee, every good resolution. Enable me to commit myself altogether to thy care, and to be entirely resigned and submissive under every dispensation of thy will. Oh God, I pray that thou wilt be gracious to all mankind. Extend thy compassion to all ranks and conditions of men ; let thy ways be known on earth, thy saving health among all nations. Especially, be gracious to my native country ; may we prove ourselves a na-

tion fearing thee. To thy merciful protection I commit myself and all who are dear to me this night. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep. May thy fatherly hand, oh God, ever be over us ; may thy Holy Spirit ever be with us, and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer ; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. ISAIA. LVIII. 9.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the maker of every thing in heaven and earth, the darkness

good continually. I thank thee that
thou hast taken care of me this night,
I am alive and well this morning
me, Lord, from all evil during the night
and carry me through it in thy favor.
Forgive my sins and my iniquities
and let them no longer separate between
me and my God. Give me grace
to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ,
saving of my soul. Kindle in me
a very fervent desire to please thee
make it my delight to obey thy com-
mandments, looking to thee for the grace
and assistance of thy Holy Spirit.

meek, and far from being unforgiving to those who may do me wrong ; help me, like thee, to requite evil with kindness and enmity with love. Assist me to give up and part with every object that may come in competition with my duty to thee ; and let me not be desirous of vain glory, but what I do, let me do it as unto thyself, recollecting that I am still an unprofitable servant ; I have done very imperfectly that which it was my duty to do. But, Lord, let not a sense of my unprofitableness discourage me from drawing nigh to thee. Oh God, the Father of heaven, view me in the Son of thy love. Accept and bless me with all spiritual blessings in him. Grant that I may ever see that in myself I am a helpless and miserable sinner, and yet behold the encouragement I have in thy gracious word to come unto thee for hope, help, and

mercy, for thou hast so loved the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Lord, I would remember in prayer all who are near and dear to me; bless both them and me with thy gracious favor in this life, and when we die, may we all join the company of those whose robes are washed in the blood of Jesus, and in the regions of the blessed for ever celebrate his love. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. PROV. III. 24.

OH LORD, my God, who hast now drawn around me the shades of night, enable m

in this still and quiet hour, while kneeling before thee, the God of heaven, to pray to thee in spirit and in truth—in the only way which thou wilt accept—with the heart, and not with the lips only. Leave me not whilst at thy throne of grace to my own dull and wandering thoughts. Oh Holy Spirit, descend upon me, and fix my mind on heaven and heavenly things. Lord, I thank thee for the mercies of the past day. What am I, that thy blessings should be so many and great. Oh that, as I ought, I may love thee more and serve thee better. Forgive what thou hast seen amiss in me, for in many things I displease thee. Often I leave undone the things which I ought to do, and do those things which I ought not to do. Pardon me, good Lord, and turn my heart to thyself. Enable me to follow the example of my blessed Saviour.

Like him, may I be meek and lowly in heart. Oh, may I never cherish anger, wrath, malice, or pride; but may I be clothed with humility, remembering that God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Make me contented and thankful in all my enjoyments, humble in every thought about myself, charitable in my feelings and conversation respecting others, sincere and faithful in my professions, just and upright in my dealings, diligent and cheerful in my employments. In all my duties may I look to the Spirit of grace for willingness and power to serve thee; and recollecting my own natural and actual sinfulness, may my entire dependence be upon the merits of Jesus, to render my imperfect services such as thou wilt mercifully accept in him. Grant thy protection and blessing, oh Lord, to my dear

keep them from all evil; impress on my heart the duties I owe them; and if it should please thee to preserve us through this night; may we rise in the morning with hearts full of love to thee and zeal for thy service. Heavenly Father, I pray unto thee in the name of Christ Jesus my Saviour, and for his sake I beseech thee to hear me. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

My beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 COR. XV. 58.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Maker of heaven and earth, my Creator and Preserver, and the

... this hour. I praise thee
thou hast kept me in safety this
I look up unto thee to preserve me
evil this day, especially from the
evil of sin. May the angel of thy
presence tarry round about me, and the
of angels be my shield. Dispose
live in the obedience of thy will to
the honor of thy name. Restrain
from the evils and follies into which
prone to fall, and grant that I may
and speak, will and do the things that
well-pleasing in thy sight. May I
thankful for the means of improve-

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of life may I be active in doing good, in the vale of years may I be blessed with an approving conscience, and be found in the way of righteousness. Whilst I live here help me to be useful and virtuous, and when I die may I be cheerfully resigned to thy will, and prepared to join the society of the wise and good in thine own presence. Oh blessed Jesus, send thy good Spirit into my heart, make me love to obey thee in all things, and preserve me from every wrong word and action, every unholy and unchristian temper. Almighty God, let thy tender mercies abound towards me in the forgiveness of all my sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ; and since I have much to be forgiven myself, make me always ready to forgive others likewise; and incline me to be merciful, even as thou, my Father in heaven, art merciful. Bless all

every danger. Oh God, remind
thine eyes will be upon me this
help me to spend it in thy service
thy glory, through Jesus Christ,
and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING

It is a good thing to give thanks
to the Lord, and to sing praises to
his name, oh Most High ; to shew
thy loving kindness in the morning,
thy faithfulness every night. Ps. xc

freely bestowest upon me. I bless thee for thy preservation of me during the past day. Oh, cause me to think of thy faithfulness every night, and make me to know the way wherein I should go. For Jesus Christ's sake, incline thine ear and hear me. Pardon all my sins, and enable me to forsake them. Let thy Holy Spirit be always present with me, for of myself I am not able to please thee. Give me a humble, a thankful, and an obedient heart. Make me kind and obliging to all around me, easy to be intreated, readily admonished, a dutiful child of God, and an heir through Christ of the kingdom of heaven. Oh Jesus, grant that I may so fervently and devoutly serve thee all the rest of my life upon earth, that hereafter, when thou shalt come in the clouds of heaven attended with thy holy angels to judge the quick

mitted into thy kingdom. O-
beseech thee, oh Lord, to bless
kind. Prosper abundantly the
of thy holy word. Look with
compassion on the poor and afflicted
relieve them according to their
ties. Pity those who would
wrong; help me to love, pray
forgive them. Bless my dear
take care of us all during these
darkness. Make us such as thou
have us to be, and such as thou
ceive here to thy gracious fa-
hereafter to thy heavenly king

FRIDAY MORNING.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

PROV. III. 5, 6.

OH THOU that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, fill my heart with joy and gratitude this morning, for surely I have cause to bless thee and to rejoice in thee. My God, in thee I live and move and have my being; thou gavest me life and breath and all things. Thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver me from the perils of darkness, and spared me to see the light of another day. Many calamities might have befallen me, but thou hast preserved me from all; accept my imperfect thanks,

all my affairs. Bless me in my employments and studies, and give me grace to do my duty in that state of life which thou hast been pleased to call me to. O God, forgive me all my sins, and let me every day to seek the knowledge of thy great salvation. Enable me to receive Christ Jesus with my whole heart, as my Lord, my truth, and the life; my Redeemer and atone—my King to guide and govern me. Grant that I may become more acquainted with the blessed gospel, may I love thy laws and ordinances with increasing fervour, and hate sin with a more perfect hatred.

make me ever ready to forgive others, remembering how greatly I myself stand in need of pity and forgiveness at thy hands. Send thy good Spirit into my heart, oh blessed Jesus, and make me love to obey thee in all things. Help me never to say one word that is untrue, or uncharitable ; and put away far from me every angry and unholy temper. May I ever remember the christian principles I have learned, and never depart from the good way in which I have been taught to walk. Hear me, Lord, not for myself alone, but for all who are near and dear to me ; pour down upon them the abundance of thy blessing, and give us all whatsoever thou seest necessary both for our souls and bodies, for the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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FRIDAY EVEN.

Search the Scriptures. J

I am not ashamed of th
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HEAVENLY FATHER, give m
review with gratitude the m
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therefore there is an infinite virtue in his blood to cleanse us from all sin. Enable me to believe that he who gave himself for us cannot be unwilling to receive, to pardon, and to bless us ; and help me in the belief of this, to come unto him, that I may find rest unto my soul. Lord, I come before thee in an humble sense of my utter unworthiness, with the consciousness of having done many things displeasing in thy sight. Saviour of sinners, I look to thee. Thou didst die, that I might live ; thou art able to save to the uttermost those who turn unto thee. Oh may I have more of thy spirit, and may I more earnestly endeavour to amend those faults which I now lament before thee. Endue me with that patience, meekness, and humility, in which thou lovest and delightest. Make me kind, charitable, and forgiving ; in all things

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me, therefore, I humbly beseech
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eousness. Give me a deep and
for thy holy Word

God. Often what is highly esteemed amongst men is abomination in thy sight ; therefore, let me not be ruled by man's judgment, but by thy holy and revealed will. I pray thee, oh Lord, to be gracious to all mankind. Bless my friends, my neighbours, and my country, Convert the heathen, the Jew, and the unbeliever ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless my dear
 By night and by day may they be under the protection of thy good providence. Enable us all to fight the good fight, and prepare us for a crown of glory, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
PROV. xv. 3.

OH GOD, my heavenly Father, my Almighty Protector, again at the return of day are my thanksgivings due unto thee, for thy watchful care during the hours of darkness. I laid me down in peace and slept, for thou sustainedst me. I awake in health and vigour, and my heart shall ascend unto thee in gratitude and praise. I desire now again to commit myself into thy hands. I implore the grace of thy holy Spirit through the day on which I am entered. Enlighten, direct, comfort, sanctify, and preserve me. Give me that inward circumcision of the heart, whose praise is not of man, but of God. Make me upright and sincere in all my dealings,

so stedfast and immoveable in the ways of truth and justice, that no worldly advantage, how promising or great soever, may be able to shake my integrity. Grant that I may be humble and patient in my temper, kind and obliging to all around me. Help me to understand and enable me rightly to fulfil the duties of my station, and make me cheerfully resigned to whatever thou shalt think best for me. Conscious of the many errors I am continually committing, I would earnestly implore thy pardon for whatsoever I have done amiss. Give me unfeigned repentance towards thee, and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sprinkle me with his precious blood from all the guilt of my sins, both original and actual; clothe me with his righteousness unto justification, and grant me that sanctification of spirit, without which no man can see the

rejoice in thee, my heavenly Father.
My God, I know that thou dost
all that I do, thou knowest all that I
say or feel. Thine eye will be upon me
this day, and I pray that I may not forget
that thou dost behold me ; I pray that thou
mayst rejoice that thou dost see in me
Bless, gracious Lord, my dear . . .
and impress upon my heart the duties
I owe them. Comfort and succour all
that are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity. Be the Father
of the fatherless and the God of the widow,
and do for all of us more than we can

SATURDAY EVENING.

When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. MAT. VI. 6.

LORD, thou art the Holy One of Israel, whose name is holy, and who dwellest in the high and holy place. Give me grace to draw nigh unto thee, and do thou, heavenly Father, draw nigh to me and bless me. In thy mercy, thou hast preserved me through another day and another week. My life, my health, my comforts, are all continued to me, and I am again permitted to approach thy throne of grace. What shall I render unto thee, oh Lord, for these thy benefits? Let my soul bless thee, let all that is within

me praise thy holy name. When I recollect thy mercy and goodness to me ever since I had a being, my soul should be filled with love and gratitude; but, Lord, I have reason to confess that my heart is oftentimes cold and insensible. I have cause to lament my frailties, my faults, and imperfections. Merciful Father, for the sake of thy beloved Son, forgive me all that is past, and make me more grateful and obedient to thee in future. Oh Lord, my Saviour, thou hast assured us that God will give the Holy Spirit to them who ask him. Oh, that I may ask in the faith of thy word, nothing doubting. My God, hear me; send down upon me abundantly thy heavenly blessing, enabling me to subdue every unholy temper—to discharge every duty in sincerity and in truth. Help me to be constantly striving after a greater conformity to my Saviour's

image, and so by the influence and aid of that Holy Spirit, may I be daily abhorring and forsaking every known sin, and loving and cleaving to every known duty. Oh Lord, grant that I may be thine for ever. Pity the weakness and folly and ignorance of my youth, and save me from the wickedness of my own deceitful heart. Teach me more and more my need of Jesus to be my Saviour. Give me faith in him, so that I may know him as the way and the truth and the life. May thy holy Word be my daily guide ; teach me to pray over it, understand it, and love it. Fill me with a holy dread of offending thee ; and so lead and keep me in thy ways, that I may never go back from thee—never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Oh almighty and everlasting God, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both my heart and body in the

ways of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, I may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless all who are dear to me; surround us this night and for ever by thy all-preserving goodness. Comfort all who want the comforts I enjoy. Provide for the wants of the poor and needy. Be merciful to the sick and afflicted part of mankind. Oh Father, if thou shouldst be pleased to visit me with trials, grant that I may be resigned to thy will—that I may behave on every occasion as I shall wish to have done when I come to the closing scene of all. In that hour, oh God, look upon me in love, and passing by my sins and imperfections, for the sake of thy beloved Son, receive my spirit into the mansions of eternal blessedness. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

OH LORD, my heavenly Father, thou that dwellest in the highest heavens, lift up the light of thy countenance upon me, and that shall put joy and gladness into my heart. Lord, thou art the greatest and best of beings, thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works. Help me to love thee as I ought, thou who hast so loved us as to give thy beloved Son to die for us, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Oh, let thy mercy lead me to thee in gratitude, in obedience, and in love. Lord, I would pour out my heart before thee, and pray thee to forgive me all my sins. I confess that my giddy

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down to sleep till I have committed myself to thy care through the dangers of the night, for it is thou only who canst make me to dwell in safety. And Lord, I desire to pray to thee for all who are near and dear to me. Pour down upon them the same blessings which I ask for myself. Grant that we may be all running the same heavenly race; and when Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven, and every eye shall see him, oh may we then stand acknowledged as those who were purchased by his blood and led by his Spirit, and may hear him say, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Amen.

OH THOU who hast formed all creatures,
and hast breathed into them the breath of

life, thou who carest for all beings, and hearest prayer, I would pray to thee now, oh Lord my Maker. May I draw near to thee in singleness and simplicity of heart, trusting alone in Jesus for acceptance, and let thy Holy Spirit be with me, to teach and help me to pray. Be with me, oh God, in all places and upon all occasions. Let thy blessing be with all I do, and thy wisdom direct all I say and think. Thou knowest the secrets of my heart, and my faults are not hid from thee. Teach *me* to know them also, and forgive me, I beseech thee, if I have in any thing been proud, selfish, envious, or disobedient. Lord, may I not only cease from doing evil, but may I also learn to do well. Send down the influences of the Holy Spirit upon me, and enable me earnestly and sincerely to do my duty to thee, my neighbour, and myself. Grant

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that I may always speak the exact and perfect truth, and guard me from anger, ill-temper, and discontent. Lord, my heart by nature is proud, uncharitable, carnal, unholy. Make me, I pray thee, meek and lowly as my blessed Saviour, poor in spirit, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. May I mourn for sin, that I may be comforted by thee. May I hunger and thirst after righteousness, that I may be filled. May I be merciful, that I may obtain mercy. May I be pure in heart, that I may see God. May I be a peacemaker amongst my brethren, forgiving as I would be forgiven. If there be any that hate me, may I do good to them ; if any that despitefully use me or persecute me, may I pray for them, that I may be the child of our Father which is in heaven, for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on

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in sorrow, guide me in life, and
me in that hour when I shall stand
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A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH.

GRACIOUS GOD, from whom alone are the preparations of the heart, vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to make thyself present to my soul. Blessed Jesus, be with me in this thy house of prayer. Oh God, enable me to remember that I come to appear before thee, and help me to withdraw my thoughts from every thing but thee. Give me grace to hear and receive thy holy word to the salvation of my soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING CHURCH.

OH THOU high and holy One that inhabitest eternity, grant that the words which I have now heard may take deep root and bring forth much fruit. Help me to be

a doer of thy word, and not a hearer only. My own resolutions are frail and uncertain; do thou, oh God, confirm and establish me in all that is good. Pardon whatsoever has been amiss in my service in this holy place, and bring me at last to thy kingdom of glory, for the sake of the Son of thy love, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

OH THOU, the Father of lights, and the God of all wisdom, I would see and acknowledge, while I endeavour to use every means of preparing for this sacred rite of confirmation, that thou must give the blessing or all is vain. The preparation of the heart is from the Lord. Thou must open my darkened understanding, or I see not my sins; thou must affect my

heart, or I feel them not; thou must give me faith, or I believe not in Christ as my only hope ; thou must sanctify me by thy Spirit, or I remain impure and unholy. Oh Almighty God, I beseech thee to assist me in giving myself up to thee in the solemn vow of confirmation. Strengthen me with thy heavenly grace, that I may indeed take upon myself the promises which were made for me at my baptism. Pardon my ignorance and forgetfulness of those promises—the many ways in which I have broken them in thought and word and deed. I implore of thee, oh Lord, the free forgiveness of all my sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. I plead no other name, but only the name of thy dear Son. May his precious blood cleanse me from all sin. Lord, make me to feel my helplessness as well as my sinfulness. Oh God, forasmuch as without thee, I am not able

to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule my heart. Be with me in thine own house during the solemnities of that ordinance which binds me to thyself for ever, and when the solemn question of thy servant, the Bishop, is put to me, oh may I in sincerity and in truth be willing to yield up myself to thee—willing to give up this vain and wicked world—to forsake and avoid every thing which may make me forget that thou alone art worthy to be feared and loved. May thy grace confirm and fix my heart in thy good ways, so that I may love thee more and serve thee better. Neither pray I for myself alone; bless all who shall be confirmed with me. Assist them with thy Holy Spirit, and should there be any who will presume to appear in thy presence without having *sought* for that preparation of the heart

which will render this service acceptable in thy sight; should there be any who are halting between two opinions—who name the name of Christ, and yet do not depart from iniquity, oh may thy mercy and power, ere it be too late, bring back these wandering sheep into the path of life. Almighty God, hear my prayer, and do more for all of us than we can ask or think, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A PRAYER AFTER CONFIRMATION.

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, I bless thee that I have been permitted to approach thee in the presence of thy church, to join myself to the number of thy faithful people. Oh forgive the wanderings of my heart, the infirmities which accompanied my performance of this solemn duty,

and accept my praises for every good thought, every holy desire, and every sincere purpose of my mind in it. And now, Lord, I am thy servant, grant that I may be thine for ever. Cause me to feel that the vows of God are indeed upon me. Let not the world get possession of my heart now dedicated to thy service ; let not the pomps and vanities I have now solemnly renounced become the objects of my desires ; let me not dare to think that I can do what thou hast told me I *cannot* do—cannot serve God and Mammon ; but may I advance in thy true faith and fear, and abound in all the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Enable me to abide in Christ my Saviour as the branch abideth in the vine. Assist me to glorify thy name, to adorn thy gospel, and to fulfil all the duties to which I may be called. And, oh Lord, *dispose* and enable me to approach thy

holy table. Teach me to discern therein the Lord's body. Make thyself known to me, oh Jesus, in the breaking of bread. May I experience the Lord's supper to be a refreshing means of grace, so that I may return from thy table with my corruptions subdued, my graces increased, and my soul encouraged with an enlarged heart to run the way of thy commandments. And oh Lord, grant that I may never go back from thy ways, never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ—never be frightened from thy service by the crosses and difficulties I may meet with, but defend me with thy heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come to thy everlasting kingdom. These mercies I humbly implore in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen. May. 21st Friday - 1841. —

BISHOP LAYS ON HIS HANDS

ALMIGHTY GOD, I appear before
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lovest and to hate what thou hatest.
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forgive me all my sins, accept my imperfect repentance, compassionate my infirmities, and strengthen my weakness. Guide me, oh my God, through the dangers of this uncertain life; and when I am called to leave my earthly tabernacle, may I be prepared to enter those mansions in the heavens which thou wilt give to them that love thee, for the sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**A PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF
HANDS.**

MERCIFUL FATHER, I thank thee that thou hast given me the will to perform this solemn duty. Oh, let this rite of confirmation so deeply affect my heart as constantly to influence my future life. Lord, incline me to make it my chief

no allurements, draw me from the performance of those duties I have solemnly engaged myself to observe. O thou knowest that of myself I am not able to please thee. Blessed Jesus, grant thou that I may trust in thee as my only hope, and regard thee as the Lord my righteousness. Holy Spirit, forsake me not in all the trials and difficulties I shall meet with here; grant me such supplies of grace that I may keep my vows, continue steadfast in faith, and finally be received into the possession of eternal blessedness, through the merits of my Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

**A PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH ON
THE DAY OF CONFIRMATION.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, I come to this holy place, to enter into solemn covenant with thee. Oh, enable me to banish every vain idea. Help me seriously to remember that thou hast said, Give me thine *heart*; and cause me to know and feel that thou art a God of mercy and love to those only who worship and obey thee in spirit and in truth. Confirm and strengthen me, oh Lord, in all my good resolutions, and let thy grace be sufficient for me to enable me to perform them unto my life's end. I pray to thee, oh God, in the name of Christ Jesus, and for his sake I beseech thee to hear me. Amen.

**A PRAYER BEFORE LEAVING CHURCH ON
THE DAY OF CONFIRMATION**

OH LORD, my God, I have now dedicated

myself to thy service, and have declared
 my solemn resolution to renounce the
 devil and all his works, the vain pomp and
 glory of the world, with all covetous desires
 of the same and the carnal desires of the
 flesh, so that I will not follow nor be led by
 them. I have promised obediently to keep
 thy holy will and commandments, and to
 walk in the same all the days of my life.
 But without thy gracious assistance, oh
 Lord, I cannot but fall. Strengthen and
 support me, oh God, that the professions
 I have now made may not turn to my
 condemnation. Preserve me a living and
 sound member of Christ, a dutiful child
 of God, and an heir through Christ of
 the kingdom of heaven, that through thy
 mercy, oh God the Father, thy merits and
 intercession, oh God the Son, and thy
 guidance and sanctification, oh God the
 Holy Ghost, I may at last obtain the

the end of my faith, even the salvation of soul, to the glory of thy grace. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE.

THOU BLESSED JESUS, who, in the days of thy flesh, didst open thy disciples' understandings to understand the Scriptures, mercifully open the eyes of my understanding, that I also may understand them. Thou who didst cause their hearts to burn within them, Lord, let me feel the same power from thee. May my soul see the light of truth, love it, rejoice in it, and praise thee for it. Give me grace to search the Scriptures which testify of thee, oh Christ, and make me joyfully to know the things which belong to my peace. Teach me, oh God, the way of thy statutes, stablish thy word in thy servant,

unto me, even thy salvation, according to
thy word. Oh divine Spirit, who
caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning, grant that I may in-
wardly hear them, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them, that by the peace
and comfort of thy holy word, I may
obtain and ever hold fast the blessing
of everlasting life, which thou hast
promised us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

A PRAYER BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION

behold iniquity, who searchest the heart and triest the innermost thoughts, I beseech thee to shew me to myself. Enable me to try myself by the standard of thy holy Word. Thou who alone knowest the heart, and who alone canst change it, create in me such a contrite heart as thou hast promised not to despise. Give me repentance for all my past sins, lively faith in Jesus Christ, and deep humility before thee. Pardon all that I have done amiss, and bring me at last to thy everlasting kingdom, for the sake of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider
your ways. Haggai i. 7.

Commune with your own heart.
Psalm iv. 4.

- 1 Did I this morn devoutly pray,
For God's protection through the day?
- 2 Did I peruse his sacred Word,
To make my life therewith accord?
- 3 Did I for any purpose try
To cover truth or tell a lie?
- 4 Did I to all who came my way
Due courtesy and kindness pay?

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8 And do I now the day is o'er
 God's watchful care again implore ?

The above questions for daily self-examination are inserted, as it is supposed they might be profitable for occasional use. Many a youthful Christian will prefer the mode suggested in the following extract from "Advice to a young Christian :"—

"After all, the Word of God is the only true standard; and to one who is familiar with the sacred volume, it will not be an irksome task to select the passages which he deems applicable to the work of self-examination. Take the Bible in your hand, and pore over it with an intention to sift your evidence of christian character. Accompany that perusal with fervent application to God for light and knowledge, and you will experience a degree of satisfaction which no other mode can afford."

TEXTS OF SCRIPTURE

To be committed to Memory.

JANUARY.

1. Fear God and keep his commandments. Eccles. xii

2. Trust in the Lord, and do so shalt thou dwell in the land, and thou shalt be fed. Psalm xxxvi

3. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Psalm xxxvi

4. Commit thy way unto the Lord, and he shall bring forth
necessity

7. Depart from evil and do good, and dwell for evermore. Ps. xxxvii. 27.

8. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace. Ps. xxxvii. 37.

9. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. xli. 1.

10. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. iii. 23.

11. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John i. 1.

12. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John i. 14.

13. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii. 16.

14. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah liii. 5.

15. Being found in fashion as a man,
he humbled himself, and became obedient
unto death, even the death of the cross.
Phil. ii. 8.

16. He is the propitiation for our sins,
and not for ours only, but also for the
sins of the whole world. 1 John ii. 2.

17. Neither is there salvation in any
other, for there is none other name under
heaven given among men whereby we
must be saved. Acts iv. 12.

18. He is able to save them to the
uttermost that come unto God by him,
seeing he ever liveth to make interces-
sion for them. Heb. vii. 25.

19. Follow peace with all men and
holiness, without which no man shall see
the Lord. Heb. xii. 14.

20. Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness, for they
shall be filled. Mat. v. 6.

21. I say unto you, love your enemies
bless them that curse you, do good to
them that hate you, and pray for them
which despitefully use you and persecute
you. Mat. v. 44.

22. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Mat. vi. 24.

23. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Mat vi. 33.

24. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Mat. vii. 7.

25. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven. Mat. vii. 21.

26. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Mat. xviii. 20.

27. If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Luke xi. 13.

28. Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. Luke xii. 8.

29. He that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. Luke xii. 9.

30. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke xii. 34.

31. Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. John iii. 20.

FEBRUARY.

1. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee ; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps. lv. 22.

2. Trust in him at all times, ye people ; pour out your hearts before him ; God is a refuge for us. Psalm lxii. 8.

3. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness. Psalm lxv. 11.

4. I will pay thee my vows. Ps. lxvi. 13.

5. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Rom. i. 16.

6. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John xv. 14.

7. The wrath of God is revealed from *heaven against* all ungodliness and un-

righteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. i. 18.

8. Who will render to every man according to his deeds. Rom. ii. 6.

9. There is no respect of persons with God. Rom. ii. 11.

10. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. v. 1.

11. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8. 14.

12. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. viii. 28.

13. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Rom. xii. 9.

14. Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rom. xii. 10.

15. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rom. xii. 14.

17. Condescend to men of
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18. Be not wise in your own
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19. Recompense to no man
evil. Rom

20. Provide things honest in
of all men. Rom

21. The Lord God is a sun.
the Lord will give grace and
good thing will he withhold
that walk uprightly. Ps. lx:

22. O Lord of hosts, blessed
that trusteth in thee. Ps. lx:

23. Thou, Lord, art good,
to forgive and plenteous in

pared unto the Lord? Who, among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? Ps. lxxxix. 6.

26. Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waters thereof arise thou stillest them? Ps. lxxxix. 9.

27. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. Ps. lxxxix. 11.

28. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in him will I trust. Ps. xci. 2.

29. (Leap Year.) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Ps. ciii. 13.

MARCH.

1. O Lord, how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Ps. civ. 24.

2. Render to all their dues. Rom. xiii. 7.

3. Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. xiv 12.

4. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. Rom. xiv. 22.

5. Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

Rom. xv. 4.

6. The preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.

1 Cor. i. 18.

7. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. ii. 9.

8. Neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase.

1 Cor. iii. 7.

9. Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. iii. 11.

10. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you. 1 Cor. iii. 16.

11. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? 1 Cor. vi. 9.

12. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. xi. 26.

13. Whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 1 Cor. xi. 27.

14. Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. xi. 28.

15. The cup of blessing, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1 Cor. x. 16.

16. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Cor. xiii. 1.

17. Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1 Cor. xv. 21.

18. As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Cor. xv. 22.

19. Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Cor. xv. 33.

20. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Cor. xv. 52.

21. This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Cor. xv. 53.

22. Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. xv. 57.

23. My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor. xv. 58.

24. The things which are seen are

temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. iv. 18.

25. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Cor. v. 1.

26. He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Cor. v. 21.

27. I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Cor. vi. 18.

28. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Cor. vii. 1.

29. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praise unto my God while I have my being.

Ps. civ. 33.

30. My meditation of him shall be sweet ; I will be glad in the Lord.

Ps. civ. 34.

A P R I L.

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. Ps.

2. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness. Ps.

3. The righteous shall be had in remembrance for ever: his praise shall be lasting remembrance. Ps.

4. Gracious is the Lord, and merciful: yea, our God is merciful. Ps.

5. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps.

6. It is better to trust in the Lord

9. Great peace have they which love
thy law. Ps. cxix. 165.

10. Blessed is every one that feareth
the Lord, that walketh in his ways.
Ps. cxxviii. 1.

11. Behold how good and how pleasant,
it is for brethren to dwell together in
unity. Ps. cxxxiii. 1.

12. Though the Lord be high, yet
hath he respect unto the lowly ; but the
proud he knoweth afar off.
Ps. cxxxviii. 6.

13. Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, thou wilt revive me ; thou shalt
stretch forth thine hand against the wrath
of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall
save me. Ps. cxxxviii. 7.

14. The Lord will perfect that which
concerneth me : thy mercy, oh Lord, en-
dureth for ever ; forsake not the works of
thine own hands. Ps. cxxxviii. 8.

15. There is not a word in my tongue,
but, lo ! oh Lord, thou knowest it alto-
gether. Ps. cxxxix. 4.

16. Search me, oh God, and know my
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heart ; try me, and know my thoughts.

Ps. cxxxix. 23.

17. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Ps. cxxxix. 24.

18. Set a watch, oh Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips.

Ps. cxli. 3.

19. Enter not into judgment with thy servant ; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Ps. cxliii. 2.

20 Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust ; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Ps. cxliii. 8.

21. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God ; thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness.

Ps. cxliii. 10.

22. Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Ps. cxlv. 2.

23. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Ps. cxlv. 8.

24. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Ps. cxlv. 9.

25. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

Ps. cxlv. 17.

26. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Ps. cxlv. 18.

27. The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy.

Ps. cxlv. 20.

28. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Ps. cxlvi. 3.

29. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Ps. cxlvi. 5.

30. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him; in those that hope in his mercy.

Ps. cxlvii. 11.

M A Y.

1. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Prov. i. 10.

2. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Prov. iii. 3.

3. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction.

Prov. iii. 11,

4. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Prov. iii. 27.

5. Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired, are not to be compared to it.

Prov. viii. 11.

6. The lip of truth shall be established for ever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Prov. xii. 19.

7. Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.

Prov. xii. 22.

8. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Prov. xv. 3.

9. Better is little, with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble *therewith*.

Prov. xv. 16.

10. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom ; and before honor, is humility. Prov. xv. 33.

11. Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord ; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. Prov. xvi. 5.

12. When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Prov. xvi 7.

13. The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. Prov. xvi. 1.

14. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. xvi. 32.

15. Even a child is known by his doings whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Prov. xx. 11.

16. Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. Prov. xxiii. 12.

17. Rejoice not when thine enemy
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falleth ; and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth. Prov. xxiv. 17.

18. He that hath no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Prov. xxv. 28.

19. Boast not thyself of tomorrow ; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Prov. xxvii. 1.

20. The wicked flee when no man pursueth ; but the righteous are bold as a lion. Prov. xxviii. 1.

21. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper ; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Prov. xxviii. 13.

22. Happy is the man that feareth alway ; but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. Prov. xxviii. 14.

23. He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. xxix. 1.

24. Every word of God is pure ; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Prov. xxx. 5.

25. Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith ; prove your own selves.

2 Cor. xiii. 5.

26. Be not deceived, God is not mocked ; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Gal. vi. 7.

27. Be ye angry and sin not ; let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Ephes. iv. 26.

28. Be ye followers of God, as dear children.

Ephes. v. 1.

29. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

Ephes. iv. 31.

30. Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another ; even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

Ephes. iv. 32.

31. Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet smelling savour.

Ephes. v. 2.

J U N E.

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephes. vi. 1.

2. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephes. vi. 11.

3. Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Phil. i. 27.

4. Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Phil. ii. 3.

5. It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. ii. 13.

6. Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, rejoice. Phil. iv. 4

7. Let your moderation be known unto all men. Phil. iv. 5.

8. Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. iv. 6.

9. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things

are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil. iv 8.

10. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. iii. 2.

11. Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering. Col. iii. 12.

12. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another ; if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. iii. 13.

13. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Col. iii. 14.

14. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which, also, ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Col. iii. 15.

15. Let the word of Christ dwell in you

richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. iii. 16.

16. Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col. iii. 17.

17. Not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth. 2 Cor. x. 18.

18. Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Col. iii. 23.

19. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Col. iv. 2.

20. Walk in wisdom, toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Col. iv. 5.

21. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Col. iv. 6.

22. We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye

have received of us how ye ought to walk,
and to please God, so ye would abound
more and more. 1 Thes. iv. 1.

23. If we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so them also which
sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.
1 Thes. iv. 14.

24. Let us watch, and be sober.
1 Thes. v. 6.

25. See that none render evil for evil
unto any man ; but ever follow that which
is good, both among yourselves, and to
all men. 1 Thes. v. 15.

26. Pray without ceasing.
1 Thes. v. 17.

27. In every thing give thanks, for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus, con-
cerning you. 1 Thes. v. 18.

28. Prove all things ; hold fast that
which is good. 1 Thes. v. 21.

29. Quench not the spirit.
1 Thes. v. 19.

30. Abstain from all appearance of evil.
1 Thes. v. 22.

J U L Y.

1. Godliness with contentment, is great gain. 1 Tim. vi. 6.

2. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Tim. vi. 7.

3. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. vi. 8.

4. The love of money is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Tim. vi. 10.

5. Thou, oh man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1 Tim. vi. 11.

6. Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim. vi. 12.

7. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living

God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. . . . 1 Tim. vi. 17.

8. I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. i. 12.

9. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. i. 13.

10. Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. ii. 1.

11. Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. ii. 3.

12. It is a faithful saying, for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. 2 Tim. ii. 11.

13. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us. 2 Tim. ii. 12.

14. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself. 2 Tim. ii. 13.

15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God. 2 Tim. ii. 15.

16. Be not weary in well doing. 2 Thes. iii. 13.

17. Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity. 2 Tim. ii. 19.

18. Flee youthful lusts ; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Tim. ii. 22.

19. Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. 2 Tim. ii. 23.

20. The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men ; apt to teach, patient. 2 Tim. ii. 24.

21. Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. 2 Tim. iii. 14.

22. From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. iii. 15.

23. All scripture is given by inspiration of God ; and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. iii. 16.

24. We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Heb. ii. 1.

25. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. Heb. ii, 3.

26. We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. Heb. ii. 9.

27. Verily, he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Heb. ii. 16.

28. In all things, it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in

29. In that he himself
being tempted, he is able
that are tempted.

30. Wherefore, holy
men of the heavenly call
apostle and high priest
Christ Jesus.

31. Take heed, brethren
in any of you an evil
in departing from the living

AUGUST

1. Exhort one another
is called to-day, lest any

being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. iv. 1.

4. Unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached, did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Heb. iv. 2.

5. There remaineth a rest to the people of God. Heb. iv. 9.

6. The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow; and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. iv. 12.

7. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him, with whom we have to do. Heb. iv. 13.

8. Seeing then, that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Heb. iv. 14.

9. We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. iv. 15.

10. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. iv. 16.

11. Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God, for us. Heb. ix. 24.

12. Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin, unto salvation. Heb. ix. 28.

13. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering, for he is faithful that promised. Heb. x. 23.

14. Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works. Heb. x. 24.

15. Not forsaking the assembling of *ourselves together*, as the manner of some

is ; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. x. 25.

16. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. x. 31.

17. Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. Heb. x. 35.

18. Now the just shall live by faith ; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Heb. x. 38.

19. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. xii. 14.

20. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not, who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Heb. xii. 25.

21. Let brotherly love continue. Heb. xiii. 1.

22. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, con-

23. Jesus Christ, the
to-day, and for ever.

24. Be not carried at
and strange doctrines.

25. Here we have no
but we seek one to come.

26. To do good, and
forget not ; for with such
is well pleased.

27. Obey them that ha
you, and submit yourselv
for your souls as they th
count, that they may do it
with grief, for that is unp

28. I beseech you, bre

For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind, and tossed.

James. i. 6.

31. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James i. 12.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

James i. 13.

2. Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

James i. 14.

3. Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James i. 17.

4. My beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

James i. 19.

5. The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. James i. 20.

6. Lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. James i. 21.

7. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only; deceiving your own selves. James i. 22.

8. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. James i. 26.

9. Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? James ii. 5.

10. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? James ii. 14.

11. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works, is dead also. James ii. 26.

12. In many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. James iii. 2.

13. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. James iii. 10.

14. Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James iii. 16.

15. The wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable; gentle and easy to be entreated; full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James iii. 17.

16. Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James iv. 7.

17. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James iv. 8.

18. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. James iv. 11.

19. To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James iv. 17.

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sins.

21. Submit yourself to the
discipline of man, for the

22. Honor all men.
Reverence. Fear God. . Honor

23. This is thanksgiving
conscience toward God,
suffering wrongfully.

24. What glory is it
to be buffeted for your faults
patiently? but if when
you suffer for it, ye take it
as acceptable with God.

27. He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile.

1 Pet. iii. 10.

28. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Pet. iii. 12.

29. Who is he that will harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?

1 Pet. iii. 13.

30. If ye suffer for righteousness's sake, happy are ye.

1 Pet. iii. 14.

O C T O B E R.

1. Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. 1 Pet. iii. 15.

2. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you,

as though some strange thing happened unto you. 1 Pet. iv. 12.

3. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Pet. iv. 16.

4. If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear. 1 Pet. iv. 18.

5. Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. v. 5.

6. Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter v. 8.

7. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure. 2 Pet. i. 10.

8. Beware, lest ye, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 2 Pet. iii. 17.

9. Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. iii. 18.

10. My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John ii. 1.

11. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

1 John iii. 21.

12. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

1 John iv. 8.

13. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John iv. 9.

14. Herein is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John iv. 10.

15. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John iv. 11.

16. We love him because he first loved us.

1 John iv. 19.

17. If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar ; for he that lov-

eth not his brother whom he hath seen,
how can he love God whom he hath not
seen? 1 John iv. 20.

18. When thou vowest a vow unto
God, defer not to pay it, for he hath no
pleasure in fools; pay that which thou
hast vowed. Eccles. v. 4.

19. Better is it that thou shouldest not
vow, than that thou shouldest vow, and not
pay. Eccles. v. 5.

20. I will take the cup of salvation, and
call upon the name of the Lord.
Psalm cxvi. 13.

21. Keep yourselves in the love of
God, looking for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 21.

22. And it shall come to pass that be-
fore they call I will answer, and while they
are yet speaking I will hear. Isai. lxxv. 24.

23. How can ye believe which re-
ceive honor one of another, and seek not
the honor that cometh from God only.
John v. 44.

24. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness,
and the power, and the glory, and the vic-

tory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, oh Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

1 Chron. xxix. 11.

25. Oh Lord, thou art our father, we are the clay and thou our potter, and we are all the work of thy hand.

Isai. lxiv. 8.

26. Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

Jer. xxiii. 24.

27. Surely, God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

Job xxxv. 13.

28. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. ii. 10.

29. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev. xxi. 7.

30. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat, yea come, buy wine and milk, without money and without price.

Isai. lv. 1.

31. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars, for ever and ever. Dan. xii. 3.

NOVEMBER.

1. The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 1 Sm. ii. 3.

2. Them that honor me, I will honor, and them that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 1. Sam. ii. 30.

3. Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread and thy water. Exod. xxiii. 25.

4. Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing, which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house. Deut. xxvi. 11.

5. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. Isai. xli. 17.

6. The Lord heareth the poor. Psalm lxi. 33.

7. See now, that I, even I am he, and there is no God with me. I kill, and I make alive. I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. Deut. xxxii. 39.

8. I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Jer. xxxi. 34.

9. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him. Dan. ix. 9.

10. Turn thou me, and I shall be turned, for thou art the Lord my God. Jer. xxxi. 18.

11. We shall know, if we follow on to know the Lord. Hos. vi. 3.

12. The Lord shall guide thee continually. Isai. lviii. 11.

13. Them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Isai. lvi. 7.

14. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song, he also is become my salvation. Isai. xii. 2.

15. The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. Job xvii. 9.

16. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.
Isaiah lv. 6.

17. Whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Prov. iii. 12.

18. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent.
Rev. iii. 19.

19. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God.
Isai. xli. 10.

20. The Lord will not cast off for ever.
Lam. iii. 31.

21. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength.
Isai. xlv. 24.

22. I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
Ezek. xxxvi. 27.

23. The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness,

quietness, and assurance for ever.

Isai. xxxii. 17.

24. The mountains shall depart, and the hills shall be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee; neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord, that hath mercy on thee.

Isai. liv. x.

25. Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Jer. vi. 16.

26. I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Hab. iii. 18.

27. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Job xix. 25.

28. Though after my skin, worms destroy this body; yet, in my flesh, shall I see God.

Job xix. 26.

29. Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life, and some to shame and to everlasting contempt.

Dan. xii. 2.

30. There shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Rev xxii. 5.

DECEMBER.

1. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

Rev. xxi. 4.

2. The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

2 Chron. xxx. 9.

3. Oh Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

Jer. iv. 14.

4. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will *have mercy* upon him, and to our God,

for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 7.

5. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die, saith the Lord God, and not that he should return from his ways and live. Ezek. xviii. 23.

6. Be ye strong, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chron. xv. 7.

7. Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people, and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Jer. vii. 23.

8. God keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Deut. vii. 9.

9. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

Job xxii. 27.

10. If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deut. iv. 29.

11. The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him. Ezra viii. 22.

12. Seek the Lord till he come and
rain righteousness upon you. Hos. x. 1.

13. This book of the law shall not
depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt
meditate therein day and night, that thou
mayest observe to do according to all that
is written therein; for then thou shalt
make thy way prosperous, and then thou
shalt have good success. Josh. i. 8.

14. There is no peace, saith my God
to the wicked. Isai. lvii. 21.

15. Trust ye in the Lord for ever,
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting
strength. Isai. xxvi. 4.

16. Lift up your eyes to the heaven
and look upon the earth beneath, for the
heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and
the earth shall wax old like a garment,
and they that dwell therein shall die
in like manner, but my salvation shall be
ever, and my righteousness shall not
be abolished. Isai. li. 6.

17. Behold the Lord's hand is not
shortened that it cannot save, neither is
his ear heavy that it cannot hear. Isai. lix.

18. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth. Jer. iii. 4.

19. Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jer. xvii. 5.

20. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. xvii. 7.

21. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it? Jer. xvii. 9.

22. I the Lord search the heart; I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. Jer. xvii. 10.

23. Heal me, oh Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for thou art my praise. Jer. xvii. 14.

24. I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov. viii. 17.

25. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be

God, the Everlasting Father
of Peace.

26. With joy shall ye drink
of the wells of salvation.

27. Him hath God exalted
with his right hand, to be a Prince
for to give repentance to
Israel, for the forgiveness of sins.

28. The Son of Man came
to give life a ransom for many.

29. He was wounded for
our transgressions, he was bruised for
our iniquities; the chastisement of our
peace was upon him, and with his stripes
we are healed.

30. The Lord hath
redeemed our soul from all iniquity.

DEVOTIONAL POETRY.



ON PRAYER.

LORD, when we bend before thy throne,
And our confessions pour,
Teach us to feel the sins we own,
And shun what we deplore.

Our contrite spirits pitying see,
And penitence impart;
And let a healing ray from thee,
Beam hope upon the heart.

When our responsive tongues essay,
Their grateful songs to raise,
Grant that our souls may join the lay,
And rise to thee in praise.

When we disclose our wants in prayer,
May we our wills resign,
And not a thought our bosom share,
Which is not wholly thine.

Let faith each meek petition fill,
 And waft it to the skies,
 And teach our hearts 'tis goodness still
 That grants it or denies.

RETIREMENT.

COME, escape from the tempests of life,
 From the world to the desert retire,
 Quit this region of tumult and strife,
 To rekindle the heavenly fire.

Poor pilgrim ! thy strength must be sou
 In the heart-breathing accents of pr
 In public the battle be fought,
 But in secret the weapon prepare.

Oh ! rest from thy labors awhile,
 Go alone on the mount with thy Lord
 Go, bask in the beam of his smile,
 And feed on the wealth of his word.

RESIGNATION.

OH Thou whose mercy guides my way,
 Though now it seem severe,
 Forbid my unbelief to say,
There is no mercy here !

Oh grant me to desire the pain
 That comes in kindness down,
 More than the world's supremest gain,
 Succeeded by a frown.

Then though thou bend my spirit low,
 Love only shall I see ;
 The very hand that strikes the blow
 Was wounded once for me.

H Y M N F O R C H R I S T M A S .

HARK ! the glad sound, the Saviour comes,
 The Saviour promised long ;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
 And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
 The bleeding soul to cure,
 And with the treasures of his grace,
 T' enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
 Thy welcome shall proclaim ;
 And heav'n's eternal arches ring
 With thy beloved name.

HYMN FOR EASTER.

YE humble souls that seek the Lord,
Chase all your fears away,
And bow with pleasure down to see
The place where Jesus lay.
Thus low the Lord of Life was brought;
Such wonders love could do;
Thus cold in death that Saviour laid
Who bled and died for you.
But dry your tears and tune your songs;
The Saviour lives again!
Not all the bolts and bars of death
The conqueror could detain.
With joy like his shall ev'ry saint
His empty tomb survey;
Then rise with his ascending Lord,
To realms of endless day.

HYMN FOR WHITSUNDAY

SPIRIT of Mercy, Truth, and Love,
Oh shed thy influence from above,
And still from age to age convey
The wonders of this sacred day.

In every clime, by every tongue,
 Be God's amazing glory sung ;
 Let all the listening earth be taught
 The acts our great Redeemer wrought.

Unfailing Comfort, Heavenly Guide,
 Still o'er thy favour'd Church preside ;
 Still may mankind thy blessings prove,
 Spirit of Mercy, Truth, and Love.

A SACRAMENTAL HYMN.

BREAD of Heaven!—on thee I feed,
 For thy flesh is meat indeed ;
 Ever may my soul be fed
 With this true and living bread ;
 Day by day with strength supplied,
 Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of Heaven!—thy blood supplies
 This blest cup of sacrifice.
 'Tis thy wounds my healing give ;
 To thy cross I look and live.
 Thou, my Life! oh let me be
 Rooted, grafted, built on Thee!

ACCORDING to thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I *will* remember Thee.

Thy body broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

Can I Gethsemane forget?
Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat
And not remember Thee?

When to thy cross I turn my face
And rest on Calvary,

And when these failing lips grow dumb,
 And thought and memory flee,
 When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
 Jesus ! remember me.

*“ The preparations of the heart in man, and the
 answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.”*
 Prov. xvi. 1.

LORD, teach us how to pray aright,
 With reverence and with fear,
 Though dust and ashes in thy sight,
 We may—we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer ;
 Oh grant us power to pray ;
 And when to meet thee we prepare,
 Lord, meet us by the way.

Burden'd with guilt, convinc'd of sin,
 In weakness, want, and woe,
 Fightings without and fears within.
 Lord, whither shall we go ?

God of all grace, we come to thee,
 With broken, contrite hearts,
 Give what thine eye delights to see,
 Truth in the inward parts :—

Give deep humility—the sense
 Of godly sorrow give ;
 A strong desiring confidence
 To hear thy voice and live :—

Faith in the only sacrifice
 That can for sin atone ;
 To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
 On Christ and him alone.

Patience, to watch and wait and weep,
 Though mercy long delay ;
 Courage, our fainting souls to keep,
 And trust thee, though thou slay.

Give these—and then thy will be done ;
 Thus strengthen'd with all might,
 We by thy Spirit and thy Son,
 Shall pray, and pray aright.

“ Oh my God, make haste for my help.”
 Ps. lxxi. 72.

Oh help me, Lord, in all my need,
 Thy heavenly succour give ;
 Help me in thought and word and deed,
 To thee, my God, to live.

Oh help me when my spirits bleed
 With contrite anguish sore ;
 And when my heart is cold and dead,
 Oh help me, Lord, the more.
 Oh help me through the power of faith,
 More firmly to believe ;
 And still the more thy servant hath,
 The more let him receive.
 Oh help me, Jesus ! from on high ;
 I know no help but thee ;
 Oh help me so to live and die,
 As thine in heaven to be.

*" Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light
 unto my path."*

Ps. cxix. 105.

FATHER of mercies, in thy word
 What endless riches shine !
 For ever be thy name ador'd
 For that best gift of thine.
 There the Redeemer's welcome voice
 Spreads heavenly peace around,
 And life and everlasting joys
 Attend the blissful sound.

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And thank thee

Divine Instructor,
Be thou for ever
Teach me to love th
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we will rejoice and*

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Let young and old rejo
To him be vows and hom
Whose service is our c
This is the temple of the
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While rich and poor for mercy call,
 Propitious from the skies,
 The Lord, the Maker of them all,
 Accepts the sacrifice.

Well pleased through Jesus Christ the Son,
 From sin he grants release;
 According to their faith 'tis done,
 He bids them go in peace.

Teach me, oh Lord, the way of thy statutes."
 Ps. cxix. 33.

Oh that the Lord would guide my ways
 To keep his statutes still;
 Oh that my God would grant me grace
 To know and do his will.

Lord, send thy Spirit down to write
 Thy law upon my heart,
 Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
 Nor act the liar's part.

From vanity turn off my eyes,
 Let no corrupt design,
 Nor covetous desires arise
 Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
 And make my heart sincere ;
 Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
 But keep my conscience clear.
 Make me to walk in thy commands,
 The path my Saviour trod ;
 Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
 Offend against my God.

"Lead me in thy truth and teach me."

Ps. xxv. 5.

Be with me, Lord, where'er I go,
 Teach me what thou wouldst have me do,
 Suggest whate'er I think or say,
 Direct me in thy narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbour pride,
 Lest I in my own strength confide ;
 Shew me my weakness, let me see
 I have my power and all from thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray ;
 Incline my nature to obey ;
 What thou abhorrest let me flee,
 And only love what pleases thee.

Oh may I never do my will,
 But thine and only thine fulfil;
 Let all my time and all my ways
 Be spent and ended to thy praise.

"Thy will be done."

Mat. vi. 10.

One prayer I have—all prayers in one,
 'Tis to be wholly thine!
 Only thy will, oh God, be done,
 And let that will be mine.

May I remember that to thee
 Whate'er I have I owe;
 And back in gratitude from me,
 May all thy bounties flow.

And though thy wisdom takes away,
 Shall I arraign thy will?
 No; let me bless thy name and say,
 "The Lord is gracious still."

Write but my name upon the roll
 Of thy redeem'd above;
 Then with my heart and strength and soul,
 I'll love thee for *thy* love.

"God is love."

1 John iv. 8.

OUR Father sits on yonder throne
Amidst the hosts above ;
He reigns throughout the world alone,
He reigns the God of love.

He knew us when we knew him not,
Was with us though unseen ;
His favors came to us unsought,
His love has wondrous been.

He gives us hope that we shall be
Ere long with him above,
That we shall all his glory see
And celebrate his love.

Then let us while we dwell below,
Obey our Father's voice ;
To all his dispensations bow,
And in his name rejoice.

"Examine yourselves."

2 Cor. xiii. 5.

EACH evening to myself I say,
"My soul, where hast thou glean'd to-day ?"
Thy labours how bestow'd ?

What hast thou rightly said or done?
 What grace attain'd or knowledge won,
 In following after God?"

*"I have learned in whatsoever state I am,
 therewith to be content."*

Phil. iv. 11.

THE Christian would not have his lot
 Be other than it is;
 For while our Father rules the world,
 We know that world is his.

We know that he who gave us life
 Will all we need provide,
 Assur'd that every good we ask
 Is evil, if denied.

When clouds of sorrow gather round,
 Our bosom knows no fear;
 We know whate'er our portion be,
 That God will still be there.

And when the threaten'd storm has burst,
 Whate'er the trial be,
 Something still whispers in our heart,
 "Be still, for it is He."

We know it is a Father's will,
 And therefore it is good,
 And would not venture by a wish
 To change it—if we could.
 Our grateful bosom quickly learns
 Its sorrow to disown,
 Yields to his pleasure, and forgets
 The choice was not our own.

*"Leaving us an example that we should follow
 his steps."*

1 Peter ii. 21.

WHENE'ER the angry passions rise,
 And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
 On Jesus let us fix our eyes,
 Bright pattern of the Christian life.
 Oh how benevolent and kind,
 How mild, how ready to forgive;
 Be his the temper of our mind,
 And his the rules by which we live.
 To do his heavenly Father's will
 Was his employment and delight;
 Mercy and love and holy zeal
 Shone through his life divinely bright.

Dispensing good where'er he came,
 The labours of his life were love;
 Content on earth he bore our shame,
 And now he pleads for us above.

*"Neither is he that planteth any thing, neither
 he that watereth, but God that giveth the
 increase."*

1 Cor. iii. 7.

LORD of the harvest, God of grace,
 Send down thy heavenly rain;
 In vain we plant without thine aid,
 And water too in vain.

May no vain thoughts, like birds of prey,
 Defraud us of our gain;
 Nor anxious cares, those baleful thorns,
 Choke up the precious grain.

Ne'er may our hearts be like the rock,
 Where but the blade can spring,
 Which, scorch'd with heat, becomes by noon
 A dead, a useless thing.

Let not the joys thy gospel gives
 A transient rapture prove,

Nor may the world, by smiles or frowns,
Our faith and hope remove.

But may our hearts, like fertile soil,
Receive the heavenly word,
So shall our fair and ripen'd fruits
Their hundred-fold afford.

*"Lord! if thou wilt, thou canst make me
clean."*

Mat. viii. 2.

LORD, whose love in power excelling,
Wash'd the leper's stain away,
Jesus! from thy heavenly dwelling,
Hear me, help me, when I pray.

From the stain of vice and folly,
From unguarded passion's rage;
Evil thoughts and hopes unholy,
Heedless youth and selfish age,—

From desires, whose deep pollutions
Adam's primal taint disclose,
From the tempter's dark intrusions,
Restless doubt and blind repose,—

From the heart's ill-chosen treasure,
 From all care that's base and mean,
 From the world, its pomp and pleasure,
 Jesus ! Master, make me clean.

" In thy presence is fulness of joy."
 Ps. xvi. 11.

WHAT tongue can tell, what fancy paint,
 The joys that fill th' enraptur'd saint,
 When mix'd with heav'n's triumphant throng,
 He shares their bliss and swells their song.

He feels no sorrow, knows no care,
 For God himself is present there ;
 He sees his Saviour as he is,
 And dwells in heav'n with him and his.

No darkness now obscures his mind,
 The darkness all is left behind ;
 And objects lately half conceal'd,
 In full resplendence stand reveal'd.

His love, so cold, so mix'd before,
 In heav'n is cold and mix'd no more ;
 It gains the region whence it came,
 And lives a pure ethereal flame.

Oh may I reach that blest abode,
Where saints obtain their rest in God;
For this let ev'ry conflict here
As nothing in my sight appear.

FORSAKING ALL FOR CHRIST.

JESUS! I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despis'd, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've sought or hop'd or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!—
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not like them untrue:
And whilst thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may scorn me,
Shew thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain ;
In thy service pain is pleasure,
With thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on thee,
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to thy breast ;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh ! 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While thy love is left to me ;
Oh ! 't were not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmix'd with thee.

Soul, then, know thy full salvation,
Rise o'er sin and fear and care ;
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear ;
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee ;
Child of heaven ! canst thou repine ?

Arm'd by faith and wing'd
Heaven's eternal day's befo
God's own hand shall guide
Soon shall close thy earthly
Soon shall pass thy pilgrin
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